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DEQ Kicks Off Records and Information Management Month

BATON ROUGE - The Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality's (DEQ) Records Management Section is pleased to announce the kick off of Records and Information Management Month (RIMM). RIMM is celebrated internationally during April to promote the records management profession and to emphasize the impact that records and information management has on global business.

DEQ looks forward to participating in this year's celebrations and has developed a comprehensive, month-long campaign. The goal of the campaign is to promote the importance of good records and information management, as well as the value of openness in government and the public's right to know. The theme of the DEQ's RIMM campaign is "Opening a Door to a World of Information."

Beginning Friday, April 2, the public will have the opportunity to tour various DEQ departments inside the Galvez Building, 602 N. Fifth St., Baton Rouge. The tours will highlight the Public Records Center, Imaging Operations, Topic File Room, Library, Legal Library, and Geographic Information System (GIS) Center.

"These areas are valuable resources to citizens and we want to introduce them to everything the agency has to offer. Giving citizens the tools they need to effectively access and utilize the agency's public records center is important. Part of the agency's mission is to be accessible to the needs and concerns of the public," said DEQ Secretary Mike McDaniel.

RIMM began in 1995 when the Association of Records Managers and Administrators Inc. (ARMA) established the event to promote the importance of records and information management.

For more information on public records visit the DEQ web page at www.ldeq.org/pubRecords/ or contact Trang Verrett, ACS Records Management Analyst, by email at trang.verrett@la.gov or phone (225) 219-3166 to schedule a tour.